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AUCTIONS FOR G SPECTRUM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to open auctions for 3G spectrum;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has also recommended for auctions for 3G spectrum;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to finalise the issue of allocation of 3G spectrum at the earliest?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Government has announced the guidelines for 3G services which provide that 3G licences would be granted through a controlled, simultaneous ascending e-auction, to ensure transparency in the selection process. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has also recommended, among others, the auction for 3G spectrum.